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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1332

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, IZ, KU  
SUBJECT: IRAQI PRESS ON KUWAITI CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL "AL THAWRA" EDITORIAL OF SEPTEMBER 8 (ASSUME FBIS HAS FWLL TEXT) IS ONLY PUBLIC IRAQI RESPONSE TO RECENT POLITICAL CHANGES IN KUWAIT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE GOK FORCED TO REMOVE FLIMSY DEMOCRATIC CURTAIN THAT HID RULE OF TRIBAL OBLIGARCHY SINCE REGIME COULD NO LONGER RECONCILE SUPPORT FOR SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS. "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM", WITH THE SUPPORT OF ITS "REACTIONARY STOOGES" AND THE "HIRELING AND FACIST REGIME" (SYRIA) IS MASTERMIND BEHIND ATTEMPT TO DESTROY PALESTINIAN AND OTHER RADICAL FORCES IN THE ARAB WORLD. THE UNITED STATES, AS PART OF ITS GRAND IMPERIALIST STRATEGY, SUPPLEMENTS IT DESTRUCTION OF THE LEFT IN LEBANON WITH AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH CONTROL OF THE GULF. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN KUWAIT IMPLICITLY STRENGTHEN U.S. INFLUENCE AND THREATEN IRAQ'S RIGHTS TO FREE PASSAGE THROUGH THE GULF AND HER STRATEGIC INTERESTS.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THE REASSERTION OF CONTROL BY KUWAITI  
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RULING FAMILY COULD HAVE BEEN TREATED AS A RELATIVELY

MINOR INTERNAL CHANGE, IRAQI REGIME CHOSE TO EMPHASIZE  
ITS ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER. RABID APPROACH  
TO CHANGES NEXT DOOR REFLECT IRAQ'S FRUSTRATIONS OVER  
EVENTS IN LEBANON AND ITS FAILURE TO ORGANIZE EFFECTIVE  
"REJECTION FRONT". AS USUAL, FRUSTRATIONS ARE EXPRESSED  
BY ATTACKS ON STANDARD BAATHI "DEVILS" - "AMERICAN  
IMPERIALISM" AND "REACTIONARY STOOGES".  
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